Introduced by Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development (Senators Price (Chair), Block, Corbett, Emmerson, Galgiani, Hernandez, Hill, Padilla, Wyland, and Yee)

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An act to amend Sections 1613, 1915, 1926.2, 3024, 3025, 3040, 3041.2, 3051, 3057.5, 3077, 3093, 3098, 3103, 3106, 3107, 3109, 3163, 4053, 4107,4980.36, 4980.43, 4980.72, 4989.68, 4996.3, 4996.9, 4996.18, 4996.23, 4999.20,4999.33, 4999.46, 4999.47, and 4999.60 of, and to add Section 4021.5 to, the Business and Professions Code, and to amend Section 14132 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to healing arts.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

- SB 821, as amended, Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development. Healing arts.
- (1) Existing law, the Dental Practice Act, establishes the Dental Board of California, which was formerly known as the Board of Dental Examiners of California. Existing law requires the board to have and use a seal bearing its name. Existing law creates, within the jurisdiction of the board, a Dental Hygiene Committee of California, that is responsible for regulation of registered dental hygienists, registered dental hygienists in alternative practice, and registered dental hygienists in extended functions.

This bill would amend those provisions to remove an obsolete reference to the former board and to make other technical changes.

(2) Existing law, the Optometry Practice Act, provides for the licensure and regulation of optometrists by the State Board of

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Optometry. That act refers to the authorization to practice optometry issued by the board as a certificate of registration.

This bill would instead refer to that authorization issued by the board as an optometrist license and would make other technical and conforming changes.

(3) Existing law, the Pharmacy Law, governs the business and practice of pharmacy in this state and establishes the California State Board of Pharmacy. Existing law prohibits the board from issuing more than one site license to a single premises except to issue a veterinary food-animal drug retailer license to a wholesaler or to issue a license for compound sterile injectable drugs to a pharmacy.

This bill would additionally authorize the board to issue more than one site license to a single premises to issue a centralized hospital packaging license. The bill would also establish a definition for the term "correctional pharmacy."

Existing law authorizes the board to issue a license as a designated representative to provide supervision in a wholesaler or veterinary food-animal drug retailer. Existing law requires an individual to meet specified requirements to obtain and maintain a designated representative license, including a minimum of one year of paid work experience related to the distribution or dispensing of dangerous drugs or devices or meet certain prerequisites.

The bill would require the one year of paid work experience to obtain a designated representative license to be in a licensed pharmacy, or with a drug wholesaler, drug distributor, or drug manufacturer. The bill would also make related, technical changes.

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(4) Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of marriage and family therapists, licensed educational psychologists, licensed clinical social workers, and licensed professional clinical counselors by the Board of Behavioral Sciences.

Existing law requires all persons applying for marriage and family therapist licensure examinations to have specified hours of experience, not including experience gained by interns or trainees as independent contractors.

This bill would specify that experience *shall not be gained by interns or trainees* for work *performed as an independent contractor or* reported on an IRS Form 1099 does not count towards the necessary experience. 1099.

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Existing law also authorizes the board to issue a license to a person who, at the time of submitting an application for a license pursuant to this chapter, holds a valid license in good standing issued by a board of marriage counselor examiners, board of marriage and family therapists, or corresponding authority, of any state or country if certain conditions are met, considering hours of experience obtained outside of California during the 6-year period immediately preceding the date the applicant initially obtained the license.

This bill would instead require time actively licensed as a marriage and family therapist to be accepted at a rate of 100 hours per month up to a maximum of 1,200 hours if the applicant has fewer than 3,000 hours of qualifying supervised experience.

Existing law establishes a \$75 delinquent renewal fee for a licensed educational psychologist and for clinical social workers.

This bill would instead specify that \$75 is the maximum delinquent renewal fee.

Existing law requires an applicant for registration as an associate clinical social worker to meet specified requirements. Existing law also defines the application of social work principles and methods.

This bill would additionally require that all applicants and registrants be at all times under the supervision of a supervisor responsible for ensuring that the extent, kind, and quality of counseling performed is consistent with the training and experience of the person being supervised, and who is responsible to the board for compliance with all laws, rules, and regulations governing the practice of clinical social work. The bill would also specify that the practice of clinical social work includes the use, application, and integration of the coursework and experience required.

Existing law requires a licensed professional clinical counselor, to qualify for a clinical examination for licensure, to complete clinical mental health experience, as specified, including not more than 250 hours of experience providing counseling or crisis counseling on the telephone.

This bill instead would require not more than 375 hours of experience providing personal psychotherapy, crisis counseling, or other counseling services via telehealth.

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(5) The bill would also make other technical, nonsubstantive changes. Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

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The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 1613 of the Business and Professions 2 Code is amended to read:
  - 1613. The board shall have and use a seal bearing the name "Dental Board of California."
- 5 SEC. 2. Section 1915 of the Business and Professions Code is 6 amended to read:
  - 1915. No person other than a registered dental hygienist, registered dental hygienist in alternative practice, or registered dental hygienist in extended functions or a licensed dentist may engage in the practice of dental hygiene or perform dental hygiene procedures on patients, including, but not limited to, supragingival and subgingival scaling, dental hygiene assessment, and treatment planning, except for the following persons:
  - (a) A student enrolled in a dental or a dental hygiene school who is performing procedures as part of the regular curriculum of that program under the supervision of the faculty of that program.
  - (b) A dental assistant acting in accordance with the rules of the dental board in performing the following procedures:
    - (1) Applying nonaerosol and noncaustic topical agents.
    - (2) Applying topical fluoride.
  - (3) Taking impressions for bleaching trays.
  - (c) A registered dental assistant acting in accordance with the rules of the dental board in performing the following procedures:
    - (1) Polishing the coronal surfaces of teeth.
    - (2) Applying bleaching agents.
- 26 (3) Activating bleaching agents with a nonlaser light-curing device.
  - (4) Applying pit and fissure-sealant sealants.
  - (d) A registered dental assistant in extended functions acting in accordance with the rules of the dental board in applying pit and fissure sealants.
- 32 (e) A registered dental hygienist, registered dental hygienist in 33 alternative practice, or registered dental hygienist in extended 34 functions licensed in another jurisdiction, performing a clinical 35 demonstration for educational purposes.
- 36 SEC. 3. Section 1926.2 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

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1926.2. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a registered dental hygienist in alternative practice may operate one mobile dental hygiene clinic registered as a dental hygiene office or facility. The owner or operator of the mobile dental hygiene clinic or unit shall be registered and operated in accordance with regulations established by the committee, which regulations shall not be designed to prevent or lessen competition in service areas, and shall pay the fees described in Section 1944.

- (b) A mobile service unit, as defined in subdivision (b) of Section 1765.105 of the Health and Safety Code, and a mobile unit operated by an entity that is exempt from licensure pursuant to subdivision (b), (c), or (h) of Section 1206 of the Health and Safety Code, are exempt from this article. Notwithstanding this exemption, the owner or operator of the mobile unit shall notify the committee within 60 days of the date on which dental hygiene services are first delivered in the mobile unit, or the date on which the mobile unit's application pursuant to Section 1765.130 of the Health and Safety Code is approved, whichever is earlier.
- (c) A licensee practicing in a mobile unit described in subdivision (b) is not subject to subdivision (a) as to that mobile unit.
- SEC. 4. Section 3024 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
- 3024. The board may grant or refuse to grant an optometrist license as provided in this chapter and may revoke or suspend the license of any optometrist for any of the causes specified in this chapter.

It shall have the power to administer oaths and to take testimony in the exercise of these functions.

- SEC. 5. Section 3025 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
- 3025. The board may make and promulgate rules and regulations governing procedure of the board, the admission of applicants for examination for a license as an optometrist, and the practice of optometry. All of those rules and regulations shall be in accordance with and not inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter. The rules and regulations shall be adopted, amended, or repealed in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act.

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SEC. 6. Section 3040 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

3040. It is unlawful for a person to engage in the practice of optometry or to display a sign or in any other way to advertise or hold himself or herself out as an optometrist without having first obtained an optometrist license from the board under the provisions of this chapter or under the provisions of any former act relating to the practice of optometry. The practice of optometry includes the performing or controlling of any acts set forth in Section 3041.

In any prosecution for a violation of this section, the use of test cards, test lenses, or of trial frames is prima facie evidence of the practice of optometry.

SEC. 7. Section 3041.2 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

3041.2. (a) The State Board of Optometry shall, by regulation, establish educational and examination requirements for licensure to—insure ensure the competence of optometrists to practice pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 3041. Satisfactory completion of the educational and examination requirements shall be a condition for the issuance of an original optometrist license under this chapter, on and after January 1, 1980. Only those optometrists who have successfully completed educational and examination requirements as determined by the State Board of Optometry shall be permitted the use of pharmaceutical agents specified by subdivision (a) of Section 3041.

(b) Nothing in this section shall authorize an optometrist issued an original optometrist license under this chapter before January 1, 1996, to use or prescribe therapeutic pharmaceutical agents specified in subdivision (d) of Section 3041 without otherwise meeting the requirements of Section 3041.3.

SEC. 8. Section 3051 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

3051. All applicants for examination for an optometrist license in accordance with the educational and examination requirements adopted pursuant to Section 3023.1 shall show the board by satisfactory evidence that he or she has received education in child abuse detection and the detection of alcoholism and other chemical substance dependency. This section shall apply only to applicants who matriculate in a school of optometry on or after September 1, 1997.

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SEC. 9. Section 3057.5 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

- 3057.5. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the board shall permit a graduate of a foreign university who meets all of the following requirements to take the examinations for an optometrist license:
  - (a) Is over the age of 18 years of age.

- (b) Is not subject to denial of a license under Section 480.
- (c) Has a degree as a doctor of optometry issued by a university located outside of the United States.
- SEC. 10. Section 3077 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
- 3077. As used in this section, "office" means any office or other place for the practice of optometry.
- (a) No person, singly or in combination with others, may have an office unless he or she is licensed to practice optometry under this chapter.
- (b) An optometrist, or two or more optometrists jointly, may have one office without obtaining a branch office license from the board.
- (c) On and after October 1, 1959, no optometrist, and no two or more optometrists jointly, may have more than one office unless he or she or they comply with the provisions of this chapter as to an additional office. The additional office, for the purposes of this chapter, constitutes a branch office.
- (d) Any optometrist who has, or any two or more optometrists, jointly, who have, a branch office prior to January 1, 1957, and who desire to continue the branch office on or after that date shall notify the board in writing of that desire in a manner prescribed by the board.
- (e) On and after January 1, 1957, any optometrist, or any two or more optometrists, jointly, who desire to open a branch office shall notify the board in writing in a manner prescribed by the board.
- (f) On and after January 1, 1957, no branch office may be opened or operated without a branch office license. Branch office licenses shall be valid for the calendar year in or for which they are issued and shall be renewable on January—1st *I* of each year thereafter. Branch office licenses shall be issued or renewed only upon the payment of the fee therefor prescribed by this chapter.

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On or after October 1, 1959, no more than one branch office license shall be issued to any optometrist or to any two or more optometrists, jointly.

- (g) Any failure to comply with the provisions of this chapter relating to branch offices or branch office licenses as to any branch office shall work the suspension of the optometrist license of each optometrist who, individually or with others, has a branch office. An optometrist license so suspended shall not be restored except upon compliance with those provisions and the payment of the fee prescribed by this chapter for restoration of a license after suspension for failure to comply with the provisions of this chapter relating to branch offices.
- (h) The holder or holders of a branch office license shall pay the annual renewal fee therefor in the amount required by this chapter between the first day of January and the first day of February of each year. The failure to pay the fee in advance on or before February—1st *I* of each year during the time it is in force shall ipso facto work the suspension of the branch office license. The license shall not be restored except upon written application and the payment of the penalty prescribed by this chapter, and, in addition, all delinquent branch office fees.
- (i) Nothing in this chapter shall limit or authorize the board to limit the number of branch offices that are in operation on October 1, 1959, and that conform to this chapter, nor prevent an optometrist from acquiring any branch office or offices of his or her parent. The sale after October 1, 1959, of any branch office shall terminate the privilege of operating the branch office, and no new branch office license shall be issued in place of the license issued for the branch office, unless the branch office is the only one operated by the optometrist or by two or more optometrists jointly.

Nothing in this chapter shall prevent an optometrist from owning, maintaining, or operating more than one branch office if he or she is in personal attendance at each of his or her offices 50 percent of the time during which the office is open for the practice of optometry.

- (j) The board shall have the power to adopt, amend, and repeal rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this section.
- (k) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, neither an optometrist nor an individual practice association shall be

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deemed to have an additional office solely by reason of the optometrist's participation in an individual practice association or the individual practice association's creation or operation. As used in this subdivision, the term "individual practice association" means an entity that meets all of the following requirements:

- (1) Complies with the definition of an optometric corporation in Section 3160.
- (2) Operates primarily for the purpose of securing contracts with health care service plans or other third-party payers that make available eye/vision services to enrollees or subscribers through a panel of optometrists.
- (3) Contracts with optometrists to serve on the panel of optometrists, but does not obtain an ownership interest in, or otherwise exercise control over, the respective optometric practices of those optometrists on the panel.

Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to exempt an optometrist who is a member of an individual practice association and who practices optometry in more than one physical location, from the requirement of obtaining a branch office license for each of those locations, as required by this section. However, an optometrist shall not be required to obtain a branch office license solely as a result of his or her participation in an individual practice association in which the members of the individual practice association practice optometry in a number of different locations, and each optometrist is listed as a member of that individual practice association.

- SEC. 11. Section 3093 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
- 3093. Before setting aside the revocation or suspension of any optometrist license, the board may require the applicant to pass the regular examination given for applicants for an optometrist license.
- SEC. 12. Section 3098 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
- 3098. When the holder uses the title of "Doctor" or "Dr." as a prefix to his or her name, without using the word "optometrist" as a suffix to his or her name or in connection with it, or, without holding a diploma from an accredited school of optometry, the letters "Opt. D." or "O.D." as a suffix to his or her name, it

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1 constitutes a cause to revoke or suspend his or her optometrist 2 license.

- SEC. 13. Section 3103 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
- 3103. It is unlawful to include in any advertisement relating to the sale or disposition of goggles, sunglasses, colored glasses, or occupational eye-protective devices, any words or figures that advertise or have a tendency to advertise the practice of optometry.

This section does not prohibit the advertising of the practice of optometry by a licensed optometrist in the manner permitted by law.

- SEC. 14. Section 3106 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
  - 3106. Knowingly making or signing any license, certificate, or other document directly or indirectly related to the practice of optometry that falsely represents the existence or nonexistence of a state of facts constitutes unprofessional conduct.
  - SEC. 15. Section 3107 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
  - 3107. It is unlawful to use or attempt to use any license or certificate issued by the board that has been purchased, fraudulently issued, counterfeited, or issued by mistake, as a valid license or certificate.
  - SEC. 16. Section 3109 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
  - 3109. Directly or indirectly accepting employment to practice optometry from any person not having a valid, unrevoked license as an optometrist or from any company or corporation constitutes unprofessional conduct. Except as provided in this chapter, no optometrist may, singly or jointly with others, be incorporated or become incorporated when the purpose or a purpose of the corporation is to practice optometry or to conduct the practice of optometry.

The terms "accepting employment to practice optometry" as used in this section shall not be construed so as to prevent a licensed optometrist from practicing optometry upon an individual patient.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this section or the provisions of any other law, a licensed optometrist may be employed to practice optometry by a physician and surgeon who holds a license -11- SB 821

under this division and who practices in the specialty of ophthalmology or by a health care service plan pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 2.2 (commencing with Section 1340) of Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code.

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 SEC. 17. Section 3163 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

- 3163. Except as provided in Section 3078, the name of an optometric corporation and any name or names under which it may be rendering professional services shall contain and be restricted to the name or the last name of one or more of the present, prospective, or former shareholders and shall include the words optometric corporation or wording or abbreviations denoting corporate existence, provided that the articles of incorporation shall be amended to delete the name of a former shareholder from the name of the corporation within two years from the date the former shareholder dies or otherwise ceases to be a shareholder.
- SEC. 18. Section 4021.5 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:
- 4021.5. "Correctional pharmacy" means a pharmacy, licensed by the board, located within a state correctional facility for the purpose of providing pharmaceutical care to inmates of the state correctional facility.
- SEC. 19. Section 4053 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
- 4053. (a) Notwithstanding Section 4051, the board may issue a license as a designated representative to provide sufficient and qualified supervision in a wholesaler or veterinary food-animal drug retailer. The designated representative shall protect the public health and safety in the handling, storage, and shipment of dangerous drugs and dangerous devices in the wholesaler or veterinary food-animal drug retailer.
- (b) An individual may apply for a designated representative license. In order to obtain and maintain that license, the individual shall meet all of the following requirements:
- (1) He or she shall be a high school graduate or possess a general education development *certificate* equivalent.
- (2) He or she shall have a minimum of one year of paid work experience in a licensed pharmacy, or with a drug wholesaler, drug distributor, or drug manufacturer, in the past three years, related to the distribution or dispensing of dangerous drugs or

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 dangerous devices or meet all of the prerequisites to take the examination required for licensure as a pharmacist by the board.

- (3) He or she shall complete a training program approved by the board that, at a minimum, addresses each of the following subjects:
- (A) Knowledge and understanding of California law and federal law relating to the distribution of dangerous drugs and dangerous devices.
- (B) Knowledge and understanding of California law and federal law relating to the distribution of controlled substances.
  - (C) Knowledge and understanding of quality control systems.
- (D) Knowledge and understanding of the United States Pharmacopoeia standards relating to the safe storage and handling of drugs.
- (E) Knowledge and understanding of prescription terminology, abbreviations, dosages and format.
- (4) The board may, by regulation, require training programs to include additional material.
- (5) The board may not issue a license as a designated representative until the applicant provides proof of completion of the required training to the board.
- (c) The veterinary food-animal drug retailer or wholesaler shall not operate without a pharmacist or a designated representative on its premises.
- (d) Only a pharmacist or a designated representative shall prepare and affix the label to veterinary food-animal drugs.
- (e) Section 4051 shall not apply to any laboratory licensed under Section 351 of Title III of the Public Health Service Act (Public Law 78-410).
- 30 SEC. 20. Section 4107 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
  - 4107. (a) The board may not issue more than one site license to a single premises except to as follows:
  - (1) To issue a veterinary food-animal drug retailer license to a wholesaler or to pursuant to Section 4196.
  - (2) To issue a license to compound sterile injectable drugs to a pharmacy pursuant to Section 4127.1. For
- *(3) To issue a centralized hospital packaging license pursuant* 39 *to Section 4128.*

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(b) For the purposes of this subdivision, "premises" means a location with its own address and an independent means of ingress and egress.

SEC. 18.

SEC. 21. Section 4980.36 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

4980.36. (a) This section shall apply to the following:

- (1) Applicants for licensure or registration who begin graduate study before August 1, 2012, and do not complete that study on or before December 31, 2018.
- (2) Applicants for licensure or registration who begin graduate study before August 1, 2012, and who graduate from a degree program that meets the requirements of this section.
- (3) Applicants for licensure or registration who begin graduate study on or after August 1, 2012.
- (b) To qualify for a license or registration, applicants shall possess a doctor's doctoral or master's degree meeting the requirements of this section in marriage, family, and child counseling, marriage and family therapy, couple and family therapy, psychology, clinical psychology, counseling psychology, or counseling with an emphasis in either marriage, family, and child counseling or marriage and family therapy, obtained from a school, college, or university approved by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education or accredited by either the Commission on—the— Accreditation—of for Marriage and Family Therapy Education or a regional accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education. The board has the authority to make the final determination as to whether a degree meets all requirements, including, but not limited to, course requirements, regardless of accreditation or approval.
- 31 (c) A doctor's doctoral or master's degree program that qualifies for licensure or registration shall do the following:
  - (1) Integrate all of the following throughout its curriculum:
  - (A) Marriage and family therapy principles.
  - (B) The principles of mental health recovery-oriented care and methods of service delivery in recovery-oriented practice environments, among others.
- 38 (C) An understanding of various cultures and the social and psychological implications of socioeconomic position, and an

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 understanding of how poverty and social stress impact an individual's mental health and recovery.

- (2) Allow for innovation and individuality in the education of marriage and family therapists.
- (3) Encourage students to develop the personal qualities that are intimately related to effective practice, including, but not limited to, integrity, sensitivity, flexibility, insight, compassion, and personal presence.
- (4) Permit an emphasis or specialization that may address any one or more of the unique and complex array of human problems, symptoms, and needs of Californians served by marriage and family therapists.
- (5) Provide students with the opportunity to meet with various consumers and family members of consumers of mental health services to enhance understanding of their experience of mental illness, treatment, and recovery.
- (d) The degree described in subdivision (b) shall contain no less than 60 semester or 90 quarter units of instruction that includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:
  - (1) Both of the following:
- (A) No less than 12 semester or 18 quarter units of coursework in theories, principles, and methods of a variety of psychotherapeutic orientations directly related to marriage and family therapy and marital and family systems approaches to treatment and how these theories can be applied therapeutically with individuals, couples, families, adults, including elder adults, children, adolescents, and groups to improve, restore, or maintain healthy relationships.
  - (B) Practicum that involves direct client contact, as follows:
- (i) A minimum of six semester or nine quarter units of practicum in a supervised clinical placement that provides supervised fieldwork experience.
- (ii) A minimum of 150 hours of face-to-face experience counseling individuals, couples, families, or groups.
- (iii) A student must be enrolled in a practicum course while counseling clients, except as specified in subdivision (c) of Section 4980.42.
- (iv) The practicum shall provide training in all of the following areas:
- (I) Applied use of theory and psychotherapeutic techniques.

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1 (II) Assessment, diagnosis, and prognosis.

- 2 (III) Treatment of individuals and premarital, couple, family, and child relationships, including trauma and abuse, dysfunctions, healthy functioning, health promotion, illness prevention, and working with families.
  - (IV) Professional writing, including documentation of services, treatment plans, and progress notes.
  - (V) How to connect people with resources that deliver the quality of services and support needed in the community.
  - (v) Educational institutions are encouraged to design the practicum required by this subparagraph to include marriage and family therapy experience in low income and multicultural mental health settings.
  - (vi) In addition to the 150 hours required in clause (ii), 75 hours of either of the following:
    - (I) Client centered advocacy, as defined in Section 4980.03.
  - (II) Face-to-face experience counseling individuals, couples, families, or groups.
    - (2) Instruction in all of the following:
  - (A) Diagnosis, assessment, prognosis, and treatment of mental disorders, including severe mental disorders, evidence-based practices, psychological testing, psychopharmacology, and promising mental health practices that are evaluated in peer reviewed literature.
  - (B) Developmental issues from infancy to old age, including instruction in all of the following areas:
  - (i) The effects of developmental issues on individuals, couples, and family relationships.
  - (ii) The psychological, psychotherapeutic, and health implications of developmental issues and their effects.
  - (iii) Aging and its biological, social, cognitive, and psychological aspects.
    - (iv) A variety of cultural understandings of human development.
  - (v) The understanding of human behavior within the social context of socioeconomic status and other contextual issues affecting social position.
- (vi) The understanding of human behavior within the social
   context of a representative variety of the cultures found within
   California.

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(vii) The understanding of the impact that personal and social insecurity, social stress, low educational levels, inadequate housing, and malnutrition have on human development.

- (C) The broad range of matters and life events that may arise within marriage and family relationships and within a variety of California cultures, including instruction in all of the following:
- (i) A minimum of seven contact hours of training or coursework in child abuse assessment and reporting as specified in Section 28, and any regulations promulgated thereunder.
- (ii) Spousal or partner abuse assessment, detection, intervention strategies, and same gender abuse dynamics.
- (iii) Cultural factors relevant to abuse of partners and family members
  - (iv) Childbirth, child rearing, parenting, and stepparenting.
- (v) Marriage, divorce, and blended families.
- 16 (vi) Long-term care.
- 17 (vii) End of life and grief.
- 18 (viii) Poverty and deprivation.
- 19 (ix) Financial and social stress.
- 20 (x) Effects of trauma.
  - (xi) The psychological, psychotherapeutic, community, and health implications of the matters and life events described in clauses (i) to (x), inclusive.
  - (D) Cultural competency and sensitivity, including a familiarity with the racial, cultural, linguistic, and ethnic backgrounds of persons living in California.
  - (E) Multicultural development and cross-cultural interaction, including experiences of race, ethnicity, class, spirituality, sexual orientation, gender, and disability, and their incorporation into the psychotherapeutic process.
  - (F) The effects of socioeconomic status on treatment and available resources.
  - (G) Resilience, including the personal and community qualities that enable persons to cope with adversity, trauma, tragedy, threats, or other stresses.
  - (H) Human sexuality, including the study of physiological, psychological, and social cultural variables associated with sexual behavior and gender identity, and the assessment and treatment of psychosexual dysfunction.

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(I) Substance use disorders, co-occurring disorders, and addiction, including, but not limited to, instruction in all of the following:

- (i) The definition of substance use disorders, co-occurring disorders, and addiction. For purposes of this subparagraph, "co-occurring disorders" means a mental illness and substance abuse diagnosis occurring simultaneously in an individual.
- (ii) Medical aspects of substance use disorders and co-occurring disorders.
  - (iii) The effects of psychoactive drug use.

- (iv) Current theories of the etiology of substance abuse and addiction.
- (v) The role of persons and systems that support or compound substance abuse and addiction.
- (vi) Major approaches to identification, evaluation, and treatment of substance use disorders, co-occurring disorders, and addiction, including, but not limited to, best practices.
  - (vii) Legal aspects of substance abuse.
- (viii) Populations at risk with regard to substance use disorders and co-occurring disorders.
- (ix) Community resources offering screening, assessment, treatment, and followup for the affected person and family.
- (x) Recognition of substance use disorders, co-occurring disorders, and addiction, and appropriate referral.
  - (xi) The prevention of substance use disorders and addiction.
- (J) California law and professional ethics for marriage and family therapists, including instruction in all of the following areas of study:
- (i) Contemporary professional ethics and statutory, regulatory, and decisional laws that delineate the scope of practice of marriage and family therapy.
- (ii) The therapeutic, clinical, and practical considerations involved in the legal and ethical practice of marriage and family therapy, including, but not limited to, family law.
- (iii) The current legal patterns and trends in the mental health professions.
- (iv) The psychotherapist-patient privilege, confidentiality, the patient dangerous to self or others, and the treatment of minors with and without parental consent.

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(v) A recognition and exploration of the relationship between a practitioner's sense of self and human values and his or her professional behavior and ethics.

- (vi) Differences in legal and ethical standards for different types of work settings.
  - (vii) Licensing law and licensing process.
- (e) The degree described in subdivision (b) shall, in addition to meeting the requirements of subdivision (d), include instruction in case management, systems of care for the severely mentally ill, public and private services and supports available for the severely mentally ill, community resources for persons with mental illness and for victims of abuse, disaster and trauma response, advocacy for the severely mentally ill, and collaborative treatment. This instruction may be provided either in credit level coursework or through extension programs offered by the degree-granting institution.
- (f) The changes made to law by this section are intended to improve the educational qualifications for licensure in order to better prepare future licentiates for practice, and are not intended to expand or restrict the scope of practice for marriage and family therapists.

SEC. 19.

- SEC. 22. Section 4980.43 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
- 4980.43. (a) Prior to applying for licensure examinations, each applicant shall complete experience that shall comply with the following:
- (1) A minimum of 3,000 hours completed during a period of at least 104 weeks.
  - (2) Not more than 40 hours in any seven consecutive days.
- (3) Not less than 1,700 hours of supervised experience completed subsequent to the granting of the qualifying master's or doctoral degree.
- (4) Not more than 1,300 hours of supervised experience obtained prior to completing a master's or doctoral degree.
- The applicant shall not be credited with more than 750 hours of counseling and direct supervisor contact prior to completing the master's or doctoral degree.

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(5) No hours of experience may be gained prior to completing either 12 semester units or 18 quarter units of graduate instruction and becoming a trainee except for personal psychotherapy.

- (6) No hours of experience may be gained more than six years prior to the date the application for examination eligibility was filed, except that up to 500 hours of clinical experience gained in the supervised practicum required by subdivision (c) of Section 4980.37 and subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 4980.36 shall be exempt from this six-year requirement.
- (7) Not more than a combined total of 1,000 hours of experience in the following:
  - (A) Direct supervisor contact.

- (B) Professional enrichment activities. For purposes of this chapter, "professional enrichment activities" include the following:
- (i) Workshops, seminars, training sessions, or conferences directly related to marriage and family therapy attended by the applicant that are approved by the applicant's supervisor. An applicant shall have no more than 250 hours of verified attendance at these workshops, seminars, training sessions, or conferences.
- (ii) Participation by the applicant in personal psychotherapy, which includes group, marital or conjoint, family, or individual psychotherapy by an appropriately licensed professional. An applicant shall have no more than 100 hours of participation in personal psychotherapy. The applicant shall be credited with three hours of experience for each hour of personal psychotherapy.
- (8) Not more than 500 hours of experience providing group therapy or group counseling.
- (9) For all hours gained on or after January 1, 2012, not more than 500 hours of experience in the following:
- (A) Experience administering and evaluating psychological tests, writing clinical reports, writing progress notes, or writing process notes.
  - (B) Client centered advocacy.
- (10) Not less than 500 total hours of experience in diagnosing and treating couples, families, and children. For up to 150 hours of treating couples and families in conjoint therapy, the applicant shall be credited with two hours of experience for each hour of therapy provided.

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(11) Not more than 375 hours of experience providing personal psychotherapy, crisis counseling, or other counseling services via telehealth in accordance with Section 2290.5.

(12) It is anticipated and encouraged that hours of experience will include working with elders and dependent adults who have physical or mental limitations that restrict their ability to carry out normal activities or protect their rights.

This subdivision shall only apply to hours gained on and after January 1, 2010.

- (b) All applicants, trainees, and registrants shall be at all times under the supervision of a supervisor who shall be responsible for ensuring that the extent, kind, and quality of counseling performed is consistent with the training and experience of the person being supervised, and who shall be responsible to the board for compliance with all laws, rules, and regulations governing the practice of marriage and family therapy. Supervised experience shall be gained by interns and trainees only as an employee or as a volunteer. The requirements of this chapter regarding gaining hours of experience and supervision are applicable equally to employees and volunteers. Work performed by an intern or trainee as an independent contractor or reported on an IRS Form 1099 shall not satisfy the requirements of this chapter regarding gaining hours of supervised experience. Experience shall not be gained by interns or trainees for work performed as an independent contractor or reported on an IRS Form 1099.
- (1) If employed, an intern shall provide the board with copies of the corresponding W-2 tax forms for each year of experience claimed upon application for licensure.
- (2) If volunteering, an intern shall provide the board with a letter from his or her employer verifying the intern's employment as a volunteer upon application for licensure.
- (c) Except for experience gained pursuant to subparagraph (B) of paragraph (7) of subdivision (a), supervision shall include at least one hour of direct supervisor contact in each week for which experience is credited in each work setting, as specified:
- (1) A trainee shall receive an average of at least one hour of direct supervisor contact for every five hours of client contact in each setting.
- 39 (2) An individual supervised after being granted a qualifying degree shall receive at least one additional hour of direct supervisor

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contact for every week in which more than 10 hours of client contact is gained in each setting. No more than five hours of supervision, whether individual or group, shall be credited during any single week.

- (3) For purposes of this section, "one hour of direct supervisor contact" means one hour per week of face-to-face contact on an individual basis or two hours per week of face-to-face contact in a group.
- (4) Direct supervisor contact shall occur within the same week as the hours claimed.
- (5) Direct supervisor contact provided in a group shall be provided in a group of not more than eight supervisees and in segments lasting no less than one continuous hour.
- (6) Notwithstanding paragraph (3), an intern working in a governmental entity, a school, a college, or a university, or an institution that is both nonprofit and charitable may obtain the required weekly direct supervisor contact via two-way, real-time videoconferencing. The supervisor shall be responsible for ensuring that client confidentiality is upheld.
- (7) All experience gained by a trainee shall be monitored by the supervisor as specified by regulation.
- (d) (1) A trainee may be credited with supervised experience completed in any setting that meets all of the following:
- (A) Lawfully and regularly provides mental health counseling or psychotherapy.
- (B) Provides oversight to ensure that the trainee's work at the setting meets the experience and supervision requirements set forth in this chapter and is within the scope of practice for the profession as defined in Section 4980.02.
- (C) Is not a private practice owned by a licensed marriage and family therapist, a licensed psychologist, a licensed clinical social worker, a licensed physician and surgeon, or a professional corporation of any of those licensed professions.
- (2) Experience may be gained by the trainee solely as part of the position for which the trainee volunteers or is employed.
- (e) (1) An intern may be credited with supervised experience completed in any setting that meets both of the following:
- 38 (A) Lawfully and regularly provides mental health counseling or psychotherapy.

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(B) Provides oversight to ensure that the intern's work at the setting meets the experience and supervision requirements set forth in this chapter and is within the scope of practice for the profession as defined in Section 4980.02.

- (2) An applicant shall not be employed or volunteer in a private practice, as defined in subparagraph (C) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (d), until registered as an intern.
- (3) While an intern may be either a paid employee or a volunteer, employers are encouraged to provide fair remuneration to interns.
- (4) Except for periods of time during a supervisor's vacation or sick leave, an intern who is employed or volunteering in private practice shall be under the direct supervision of a licensee that has satisfied the requirements of subdivision (g) of Section 4980.03. The supervising licensee shall either be employed by and practice at the same site as the intern's employer, or shall be an owner or shareholder of the private practice. Alternative supervision may be arranged during a supervisor's vacation or sick leave if the supervision meets the requirements of this section.
- (5) Experience may be gained by the intern solely as part of the position for which the intern volunteers or is employed.
- (f) Except as provided in subdivision (g), all persons shall register with the board as an intern in order to be credited for postdegree hours of supervised experience gained toward licensure.
- (g) Except when employed in a private practice setting, all postdegree hours of experience shall be credited toward licensure so long as the applicant applies for the intern registration within 90 days of the granting of the qualifying master's or doctoral degree and is thereafter granted the intern registration by the board.
- (h) Trainees, interns, and applicants shall not receive any remuneration from patients or clients, and shall only be paid by their employers.
- (i) Trainees, interns, and applicants shall only perform services at the place where their employers regularly conduct business, which may include performing services at other locations, so long as the services are performed under the direction and control of their employer and supervisor, and in compliance with the laws and regulations pertaining to supervision. Trainees and interns shall have no proprietary interest in their employers' businesses and shall not lease or rent space, pay for furnishings, equipment,

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or supplies, or in any other way pay for the obligations of their employers.

- (j) Trainees, interns, or applicants who provide volunteered services or other services, and who receive no more than a total, from all work settings, of five hundred dollars (\$500) per month as reimbursement for expenses actually incurred by those trainees, interns, or applicants for services rendered in any lawful work setting other than a private practice shall be considered an employee and not an independent contractor. The board may audit applicants who receive reimbursement for expenses, and the applicants shall have the burden of demonstrating that the payments received were for reimbursement of expenses actually incurred.
- (k) Each educational institution preparing applicants for licensure pursuant to this chapter shall consider requiring, and shall encourage, its students to undergo individual, marital or conjoint, family, or group counseling or psychotherapy, as appropriate. Each supervisor shall consider, advise, and encourage his or her interns and trainees regarding the advisability of undertaking individual, marital or conjoint, family, or group counseling or psychotherapy, as appropriate. Insofar as it is deemed appropriate and is desired by the applicant, the educational institution and supervisors are encouraged to assist the applicant in locating that counseling or psychotherapy at a reasonable cost. SEC. 20.
- SEC. 23. Section 4980.72 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
- 4980.72. (a) This section applies to persons who are licensed outside of California and apply for licensure on or after January 1, 2014.
- (b) The board may issue a license to a person who, at the time of submitting an application for a license pursuant to this chapter, holds a valid license in good standing issued by a board of marriage counselor examiners, board of marriage and family therapists, or corresponding authority, of any state or country, if all of the following conditions are satisfied:
- (1) The applicant's education is substantially equivalent, as defined in Section 4980.78. The applicant's degree title need not be identical to that required by Section 4980.36 or 4980.37.
  - (2) The applicant complies with Section 4980.76, if applicable.

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(3) The applicant's supervised experience is substantially equivalent to that required for a license under this chapter. If the applicant has less than 3,000 hours of qualifying supervised experience, time actively licensed as a marriage and family therapist shall be accepted at a rate of 100 hours per month up to a maximum of 1,200 hours.

- (4) The applicant passes the California law and ethics examination.
- (5) The applicant passes a clinical examination designated by the board. An applicant who obtained his or her license or registration under another jurisdiction may apply for licensure with the board without taking the clinical examination if both of the following conditions are met:
- (A) The applicant obtained a passing score on the licensing examination set forth in regulation as accepted by the board.
- (B) The applicant's license or registration in that jurisdiction is in good standing at the time of his or her application and has not been revoked, suspended, surrendered, denied, or otherwise restricted or encumbered as a result of any disciplinary proceeding brought by the licensing authority of that jurisdiction.

SEC. 21.

- SEC. 24. Section 4989.68 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
- 4989.68. (a) The board shall assess the following fees relating to the licensure of educational psychologists:
- (1) The application fee for examination eligibility shall be one hundred dollars (\$100).
- (2) The fee for issuance of the initial license shall be a maximum amount of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150).
- (3) The fee for license renewal shall be a maximum amount of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150).
- (4) The delinquency fee shall be a maximum amount of seventy-five dollars (\$75). A person who permits his or her license to become delinquent may have it restored only upon payment of all the fees that he or she would have paid if the license had not become delinquent, plus the payment of any and all delinquency fees
- 38 (5) The written examination fee shall be one hundred dollars (\$100). An applicant who fails to appear for an examination, once

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1 having been scheduled, shall forfeit any examination fees he or 2 she paid.

- (6) The fee for rescoring a written examination shall be twenty dollars (\$20).
- (7) The fee for issuance of a replacement registration, license, or certificate shall be twenty dollars (\$20).
- (8) The fee for issuance of a certificate or letter of good standing shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25).
- (9) The fee for issuance of a retired license shall be forty dollars (\$40).
- (b) With regard to all license, examination, and other fees, the board shall establish fee amounts at or below the maximum amounts specified in this chapter.

SEC. 22.

- SEC. 25. Section 4996.3 of the Business and Professions Code, as amended by Section 55 of Chapter 799 of the Statutes of 2012, is amended to read:
- 4996.3. (a) The board shall assess the following fees relating to the licensure of clinical social workers:
- (1) The application fee for registration as an associate clinical social worker shall be seventy-five dollars (\$75).
- (2) The fee for renewal of an associate clinical social worker registration shall be seventy-five dollars (\$75).
- (3) The fee for application for examination eligibility shall be one hundred dollars (\$100).
- (4) The fee for the clinical examination shall be one hundred dollars (\$100). The fee for the California law and ethics examination shall be one hundred dollars (\$100).
- (A) An applicant who fails to appear for an examination, after having been scheduled to take the examination, shall forfeit the examination fees.
- (B) The amount of the examination fees shall be based on the actual cost to the board of developing, purchasing, and grading each examination and the actual cost to the board of administering each examination. The written examination fees shall be adjusted periodically by regulation to reflect the actual costs incurred by the board
- 38 (5) The fee for rescoring an examination shall be twenty dollars 39 (\$20).

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(6) The fee for issuance of an initial license shall be a maximum of one hundred fifty-five dollars (\$155).

- (7) The fee for license renewal shall be a maximum of one hundred fifty-five dollars (\$155).
- (8) The fee for inactive license renewal shall be a maximum of seventy-seven dollars and fifty cents (\$77.50).
- (9) The renewal delinquency fee shall be a maximum of seventy-five dollars (\$75). A person who permits his or her license to expire is subject to the delinquency fee.
- (10) The fee for issuance of a replacement registration, license, or certificate shall be twenty dollars (\$20).
- (11) The fee for issuance of a certificate or letter of good standing shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25).
- (12) The fee for issuance of a retired license shall be forty dollars (\$40).
- (b) With regard to license, examination, and other fees, the board shall establish fee amounts at or below the maximum amounts specified in this chapter.
  - (c) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2014. SEC. 23.
- *SEC. 26.* Section 4996.9 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
- 4996.9. The practice of clinical social work is defined as a service in which a special knowledge of social resources, human capabilities, and the part that unconscious motivation plays in determining behavior, is directed at helping people to achieve more adequate, satisfying, and productive social adjustments. The application of social work principles and methods includes, but is not restricted to, counseling and using applied psychotherapy of a nonmedical nature with individuals, families, or groups; providing information and referral services; providing or arranging for the provision of social services; explaining or interpreting the psychosocial aspects in the situations of individuals, families, or groups; helping communities to organize, to provide, or to improve social or health services; doing research related to social work; and the use, application, and integration of the coursework and experience required by Sections 4996.2 and 4996.23.
- Psychotherapy, within the meaning of this chapter, is the use of psychosocial methods within a professional relationship, to assist the person or persons to achieve a better psychosocial adaptation,

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to acquire greater human realization of psychosocial potential and adaptation, and to modify internal and external conditions which affect individuals, groups, or communities in respect to behavior, emotions, and thinking, in respect to their intrapersonal and interpersonal processes.

SEC. 24.

- *SEC.* 27. Section 4996.18 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
- 4996.18. (a) A person who wishes to be credited with experience toward licensure requirements shall register with the board as an associate clinical social worker prior to obtaining that experience. The application shall be made on a form prescribed by the board.
- (b) An applicant for registration shall satisfy the following requirements:
- (1) Possess a master's degree from an accredited school or department of social work.
- (2) Have committed no crimes or acts constituting grounds for denial of licensure under Section 480.
- (3) Commencing January 1, 2014, have completed training or coursework, which may be embedded within more than one course, in California law and professional ethics for clinical social workers, including instruction in all of the following areas of study:
- (A) Contemporary professional ethics and statutes, regulations, and court decisions that delineate the scope of practice of clinical social work.
- (B) The therapeutic, clinical, and practical considerations involved in the legal and ethical practice of clinical social work, including, but not limited to, family law.
- (C) The current legal patterns and trends in the mental health professions.
- (D) The psychotherapist-patient privilege, confidentiality, dangerous patients, and the treatment of minors with and without parental consent.
- (E) A recognition and exploration of the relationship between a practitioner's sense of self and human values, and his or her professional behavior and ethics.
- 38 (F) Differences in legal and ethical standards for different types 39 of work settings.
  - (G) Licensing law and process.

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(c) An applicant who possesses a master's degree from a school or department of social work that is a candidate for accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of the Council on Social Work Education shall be eligible, and shall be required, to register as an associate clinical social worker in order to gain experience toward licensure if the applicant has not committed any crimes or acts that constitute grounds for denial of licensure under Section 480. That applicant shall not, however, be eligible for examination until the school or department of social work has received accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of the Council on Social Work Education.

- (d) All applicants and registrants shall be at all times under the supervision of a supervisor who shall be responsible for ensuring that the extent, kind, and quality of counseling performed is consistent with the training and experience of the person being supervised, and who shall be responsible to the board for compliance with all laws, rules, and regulations governing the practice of clinical social work.
- (e) Any experience obtained under the supervision of a spouse or relative by blood or marriage shall not be credited toward the required hours of supervised experience. Any experience obtained under the supervision of a supervisor with whom the applicant has a personal relationship that undermines the authority or effectiveness of the supervision shall not be credited toward the required hours of supervised experience.
- (f) An applicant who possesses a master's degree from an accredited school or department of social work shall be able to apply experience the applicant obtained during the time the accredited school or department was in candidacy status by the Commission on Accreditation of the Council on Social Work Education toward the licensure requirements, if the experience meets the requirements of Section 4996.23. This subdivision shall apply retroactively to persons who possess a master's degree from an accredited school or department of social work and who obtained experience during the time the accredited school or department was in candidacy status by the Commission on Accreditation of the Council on Social Work Education.
- (g) An applicant for registration or licensure trained in an educational institution outside the United States shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the board that he or she possesses a master's

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of social work degree that is equivalent to a master's degree issued from a school or department of social work that is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of the Council on Social Work Education. These applicants shall provide the board with a comprehensive evaluation of the degree and shall provide any other documentation the board deems necessary. The board has the authority to make the final determination as to whether a degree meets all requirements, including, but not limited to, course requirements regardless of evaluation or accreditation.

- (h) A registrant shall not provide clinical social work services to the public for a fee, monetary or otherwise, except as an employee.
- (i) A registrant shall inform each client or patient prior to performing any professional services that he or she is unlicensed and is under the supervision of a licensed professional.

SEC. 25.

- SEC. 28. Section 4996.23 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
- 4996.23. The experience required by subdivision (c) of Section 4996.2 shall meet the following criteria:
- (a) All persons registered with the board on and after January 1, 2002, shall have at least 3,200 hours of post-master's degree supervised experience providing clinical social work services as permitted by Section 4996.9. At least 1,700 hours shall be gained under the supervision of a licensed clinical social worker. The remaining required supervised experience may be gained under the supervision of a licensed mental health professional acceptable to the board as defined by a regulation adopted by the board. This experience shall consist of the following:
- (1) A minimum of 2,000 hours in clinical psychosocial diagnosis, assessment, and treatment, including psychotherapy or counseling.
- (2) A maximum of 1,200 hours in client centered advocacy, consultation, evaluation, and research.
- (3) Of the 2,000 clinical hours required in paragraph (1), no less than 750 hours shall be face-to-face individual or group psychotherapy provided to clients in the context of clinical social work services.
- (4) A minimum of two years of supervised experience is required to be obtained over a period of not less than 104 weeks and shall

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have been gained within the six years immediately preceding the date on which the application for licensure was filed.

- (5) Experience shall not be credited for more than 40 hours in any week.
- (b) "Supervision" means responsibility for, and control of, the quality of clinical social work services being provided. Consultation or peer discussion shall not be considered to be supervision.
- (c) (1) Prior to the commencement of supervision, a supervisor shall comply with all requirements enumerated in Section 1870 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations and shall sign under penalty of perjury the "Responsibility Statement for Supervisors of an Associate Clinical Social Worker" form.
- (2) Supervised experience shall include at least one hour of direct supervisor contact for a minimum of 104 weeks. For purposes of this subdivision, "one hour of direct supervisor contact" means one hour per week of face-to-face contact on an individual basis or two hours of face-to-face contact in a group conducted within the same week as the hours claimed.
- (3) An associate shall receive at least one additional hour of direct supervisor contact for every week in which more than 10 hours of face-to-face psychotherapy is performed in each setting in which experience is gained. No more than five hours of supervision, whether individual or group, shall be credited during any single week.
- (4) Group supervision shall be provided in a group of not more than eight supervisees and shall be provided in segments lasting no less than one continuous hour.
- (5) Of the 104 weeks of required supervision, 52 weeks shall be individual supervision, and of the 52 weeks of required individual supervision, not less than 13 weeks shall be supervised by a licensed clinical social worker.
- (6) Notwithstanding paragraph (2), an associate clinical social worker working for a governmental entity, school, college, or university, or an institution that is both a nonprofit and charitable institution, may obtain the required weekly direct supervisor contact via live two-way videoconferencing. The supervisor shall be responsible for ensuring that client confidentiality is preserved.
- (d) The supervisor and the associate shall develop a supervisory plan that describes the goals and objectives of supervision. These

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goals shall include the ongoing assessment of strengths and limitations and the assurance of practice in accordance with the laws and regulations. The associate shall submit to the board the initial original supervisory plan upon application for licensure.

- (e) Experience shall only be gained in a setting that meets both of the following:
- (1) Lawfully and regularly provides clinical social work, mental health counseling, or psychotherapy.
- (2) Provides oversight to ensure that the associate's work at the setting meets the experience and supervision requirements set forth in this chapter and is within the scope of practice for the profession as defined in Section 4996.9.
- (f) Experience shall not be gained until the applicant has been registered as an associate clinical social worker.
- (g) Employment in a private practice as defined in subdivision (h) shall not commence until the applicant has been registered as an associate clinical social worker.
- (h) A private practice setting is a setting that is owned by a licensed clinical social worker, a licensed marriage and family therapist, a licensed psychologist, a licensed physician and surgeon, or a professional corporation of any of those licensed professions.
- (i) Work performed by an associate as an independent contractor or reported on an IRS Form 1099 shall not satisfy the requirements of this chapter regarding gaining hours of supervised experience. Experience shall not be gained by interns or trainees for work performed as an independent contractor or reported on an IRS Form 1099,00.
- (j) If volunteering, the associate shall provide the board with a letter from his or her employer verifying his or her voluntary status upon application for licensure.
- (k) If employed, the associate shall provide the board with copies of his or her W-2 tax forms for each year of experience claimed upon application for licensure.
- (*l*) While an associate may be either a paid employee or volunteer, employers are encouraged to provide fair remuneration to associates.
  - (m) An associate shall not do the following:
- (1) Receive any remuneration from patients or clients and shall only be paid by his or her employer.
  - (2) Have any proprietary interest in the employer's business.

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(3) Lease or rent space, pay for furnishings, equipment, or supplies, or in any other way pay for the obligations of his or her employer.

- (n) An associate, whether employed or volunteering, may obtain supervision from a person not employed by the associate's employer if that person has signed a written agreement with the employer to take supervisory responsibility for the associate's social work services.
- (o) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, associates and applicants for examination shall receive a minimum of one hour of supervision per week for each setting in which he or she is working.
- SEC. 29. Section 4999.20 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
- 4999.20. (a) (1) "Professional clinical counseling" means the application of counseling interventions and psychotherapeutic techniques to identify and remediate cognitive, mental, and emotional issues, including personal growth, adjustment to disability, crisis intervention, and psychosocial and environmental problems, and the use, application, and integration of the coursework and training required by Sections 4999.32 and 4999.33. "Professional clinical counseling" includes conducting assessments for the purpose of establishing counseling goals and objectives to empower individuals to deal adequately with life situations, reduce stress, experience growth, change behavior, and make well-informed, rational decisions.
- (2) "Professional clinical counseling" is focused exclusively on the application of counseling interventions and psychotherapeutic techniques for the purposes of improving mental health, and is not intended to capture other, nonclinical forms of counseling for the purposes of licensure. For purposes of this paragraph, "nonclinical" means nonmental health.
- (3) "Professional clinical counseling" does not include the assessment or treatment of couples or families unless the professional clinical counselor has completed all of the following additional training and education, beyond the minimum training and education required for licensure:
  - (A) One of the following:
- (i) Six semester units or nine quarter units specifically focused on the theory and application of marriage and family therapy.

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(ii) A named specialization or emphasis area on the qualifying degree in marriage and family therapy; marital and family therapy; marriage, family, and child counseling; or couple and family therapy.

- (B) No less than 500 hours of documented supervised experience working directly with couples, families, or children.
- (C) A minimum of six hours of continuing education specific to marriage and family therapy, completed in each license renewal cycle.
- (4) "Professional clinical counseling" does not include the provision of clinical social work services.
- (b) "Counseling interventions and psychotherapeutic techniques" means the application of cognitive, affective, verbal or nonverbal, systemic or holistic counseling strategies that include principles of development, wellness, and maladjustment that reflect a pluralistic society. These interventions and techniques are specifically implemented in the context of a professional clinical counseling relationship and use a variety of counseling theories and approaches.
- (c) "Assessment" means selecting, administering, scoring, and interpreting tests, instruments, and other tools and methods designed to measure an individual's attitudes, abilities, aptitudes, achievements, interests, personal characteristics, disabilities, and mental, emotional, and behavioral concerns and development and the use of methods and techniques for understanding human behavior in relation to coping with, adapting to, or ameliorating changing life situations, as part of the counseling process. "Assessment" shall not include the use of projective techniques in the assessment of personality, individually administered intelligence tests, neuropsychological testing, or utilization of a battery of three or more tests to determine the presence of psychosis, dementia, amnesia, cognitive impairment, or criminal behavior.
- (d) Professional clinical counselors shall refer clients to other licensed health care professionals when they identify issues beyond their own scope of education, training, and experience.

SEC. 26.

- SEC. 30. Section 4999.33 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
- 4999.33. (a) This section shall apply to the following:

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(1) Applicants for examination eligibility or registration who begin graduate study before August 1, 2012, and do not complete that study on or before December 31, 2018.

- (2) Applicants for examination eligibility or registration who begin graduate study before August 1, 2012, and who graduate from a degree program that meets the requirements of this section.
- (3) Applicants for examination eligibility or registration who begin graduate study on or after August 1, 2012.
- (b) To qualify for examination eligibility or registration, applicants shall possess a master's or doctoral degree that is counseling or psychotherapy in content and that meets the requirements of this section, obtained from an accredited or approved institution, as defined in Section 4999.12. For purposes of this subdivision, a degree is "counseling or psychotherapy in content" if it contains the supervised practicum or field study experience described in paragraph (3) of subdivision (c) and, except as provided in subdivision (f), the coursework in the core content areas listed in subparagraphs (A) to (M), inclusive, of paragraph (1) of subdivision (c).
- (c) The degree described in subdivision (b) shall contain not less than 60 graduate semester or 90 graduate quarter units of instruction, which shall, except as provided in subdivision (f), include all of the following:
- (1) The equivalent of at least three semester units or four and one-half quarter units of graduate study in all of the following core content areas:
- (A) Counseling and psychotherapeutic theories and techniques, including the counseling process in a multicultural society, an orientation to wellness and prevention, counseling theories to assist in selection of appropriate counseling interventions, models of counseling consistent with current professional research and practice, development of a personal model of counseling, and multidisciplinary responses to crises, emergencies, and disasters.
- (B) Human growth and development across the lifespan, including normal and abnormal behavior and an understanding of developmental crises, disability, psychopathology, and situational and environmental factors that affect both normal and abnormal behavior.
- (C) Career development theories and techniques, including career development decisionmaking models and interrelationships

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among and between work, family, and other life roles and factors, including the role of multicultural issues in career development.

- (D) Group counseling theories and techniques, including principles of group dynamics, group process components, group developmental stage theories, therapeutic factors of group work, group leadership styles and approaches, pertinent research and literature, group counseling methods, and evaluation of effectiveness.
- (E) Assessment, appraisal, and testing of individuals, including basic concepts of standardized and nonstandardized testing and other assessment techniques, norm-referenced and criterion-referenced assessment, statistical concepts, social and cultural factors related to assessment and evaluation of individuals and groups, and ethical strategies for selecting, administering, and interpreting assessment instruments and techniques in counseling.
- (F) Multicultural counseling theories and techniques, including counselors' roles in developing cultural self-awareness, identity development, promoting cultural social justice, individual and community strategies for working with and advocating for diverse populations, and counselors' roles in eliminating biases and prejudices, and processes of intentional and unintentional oppression and discrimination.
- (G) Principles of the diagnostic process, including differential diagnosis, and the use of current diagnostic tools, such as the current edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual, the impact of co-occurring substance use disorders or medical psychological disorders, established diagnostic criteria for mental or emotional disorders, and the treatment modalities and placement criteria within the continuum of care.
- (H) Research and evaluation, including studies that provide an understanding of research methods, statistical analysis, the use of research to inform evidence-based practice, the importance of research in advancing the profession of counseling, and statistical methods used in conducting research, needs assessment, and program evaluation.
- (I) Professional orientation, ethics, and law in counseling, including California law and professional ethics for professional clinical counselors, professional ethical standards and legal considerations, licensing law and process, regulatory laws that delineate the profession's scope of practice, counselor-client

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privilege, confidentiality, the client dangerous to self or others, treatment of minors with or without parental consent, relationship between practitioner's sense of self and human values, functions and relationships with other human service providers, strategies for collaboration, and advocacy processes needed to address institutional and social barriers that impede access, equity, and success for clients.

- (J) Psychopharmacology, including the biological bases of behavior, basic classifications, indications, and contraindications of commonly prescribed psychopharmacological medications so that appropriate referrals can be made for medication evaluations and so that the side effects of those medications can be identified.
- (K) Addictions counseling, including substance abuse, co-occurring disorders, and addiction, major approaches to identification, evaluation, treatment, and prevention of substance abuse and addiction, legal and medical aspects of substance abuse, populations at risk, the role of support persons, support systems, and community resources.
- (L) Crisis or trauma counseling, including crisis theory; multidisciplinary responses to crises, emergencies, or disasters; cognitive, affective, behavioral, and neurological effects associated with trauma; brief, intermediate, and long-term approaches; and assessment strategies for clients in crisis and principles of intervention for individuals with mental or emotional disorders during times of crisis, emergency, or disaster.
- (M) Advanced counseling and psychotherapeutic theories and techniques, including the application of counseling constructs, assessment and treatment planning, clinical interventions, therapeutic relationships, psychopathology, or other clinical topics.
- (2) In addition to the course requirements described in paragraph (1), 15 semester units or 22.5 quarter units of advanced coursework to develop knowledge of specific treatment issues or special populations.
- (3) Not less than six semester units or nine quarter units of supervised practicum or field study experience, or the equivalent, in a clinical setting that provides a range of professional clinical counseling experience, including the following:
  - (A) Applied psychotherapeutic techniques.
- 39 (B) Assessment.
- 40 (C) Diagnosis.

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- 1 (D) Prognosis.
- 2 (E) Treatment.

- 3 (F) Issues of development, adjustment, and maladjustment.
  - (G) Health and wellness promotion.
- 5 (H) Professional writing including documentation of services, 6 treatment plans, and progress notes.
  - (I) How to find and use resources.
  - (J) Other recognized counseling interventions.
  - (K) A minimum of 280 hours of face-to-face supervised clinical experience counseling individuals, families, or groups.
  - (d) The 60 graduate semester units or 90 graduate quarter units of instruction required pursuant to subdivision (c) shall, in addition to meeting the requirements of subdivision (c), include instruction in all of the following:
  - (1) The understanding of human behavior within the social context of socioeconomic status and other contextual issues affecting social position.
  - (2) The understanding of human behavior within the social context of a representative variety of the cultures found within California.
  - (3) Cultural competency and sensitivity, including a familiarity with the racial, cultural, linguistic, and ethnic backgrounds of persons living in California.
  - (4) An understanding of the effects of socioeconomic status on treatment and available resources.
  - (5) Multicultural development and cross-cultural interaction, including experiences of race, ethnicity, class, spirituality, sexual orientation, gender, and disability and their incorporation into the psychotherapeutic process.
  - (6) Case management, systems of care for the severely mentally ill, public and private services for the severely mentally ill, community resources for victims of abuse, disaster and trauma response, advocacy for the severely mentally ill, and collaborative treatment. The instruction required in this paragraph may be provided either in credit level coursework or through extension programs offered by the degree-granting institution.
  - (7) Human sexuality, including the study of the physiological, psychological, and social cultural variables associated with sexual behavior, gender identity, and the assessment and treatment of psychosexual dysfunction.

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(8) Spousal or partner abuse assessment, detection, intervention strategies, and same gender abuse dynamics.

- (9) A minimum of seven contact hours of training or coursework in child abuse assessment and reporting, as specified in Section 28, and any regulations promulgated thereunder.
- (10) Aging and long-term care, including biological, social, cognitive, and psychological aspects of aging. This coursework shall include instruction on the assessment and reporting of, as well as treatment related to, elder and dependent adult abuse and neglect.
- (e) A degree program that qualifies for licensure under this section shall do all of the following:
- (1) Integrate the principles of mental health recovery-oriented care and methods of service delivery in recovery-oriented practice environments.
- (2) Integrate an understanding of various cultures and the social and psychological implications of socioeconomic position.
- (3) Provide the opportunity for students to meet with various consumers and family members of consumers of mental health services to enhance understanding of their experience of mental illness, treatment, and recovery.
- (f) (1) An applicant whose degree is deficient in no more than three of the required areas of study listed in subparagraphs (A) to (M), inclusive, of paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) may satisfy those deficiencies by successfully completing post-master's or postdoctoral degree coursework at an accredited or approved institution, as defined in Section 4999.12.
- (2) Coursework taken to meet deficiencies in the required areas of study listed in subparagraphs (A) to (M), inclusive, of paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) shall be the equivalent of three semester units or four and one-half quarter units of study.
- (3) The board shall make the final determination as to whether a degree meets all requirements, including, but not limited to, course requirements, regardless of accreditation.

SEC. 27.

- SEC. 31. Section 4999.46 of the Business and Professions Code, as amended by Section 65 of Chapter 799 of the Statutes of 2012, is amended to read:
- 4999.46. (a) To qualify for the licensure examination specified by paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 4999.53, applicants

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shall complete clinical mental health experience under the general supervision of an approved supervisor as defined in Section 4999.12.

- (b) The experience shall include a minimum of 3,000 postdegree hours of supervised clinical mental health experience related to the practice of professional clinical counseling, performed over a period of not less than two years (104 weeks), which shall include:
  - (1) Not more than 40 hours in any seven consecutive days.
- (2) Not less than 1,750 hours of direct counseling with individuals or groups in a setting described in Section 4999.44 using a variety of psychotherapeutic techniques and recognized counseling interventions within the scope of practice of licensed professional clinical counselors.
- (3) Not more than 500 hours of experience providing group therapy or group counseling.
- (4) Not more than 375 hours of experience providing personal psychotherapy, crisis counseling, or other counseling services via telehealth in accordance with Section 2290.5.
- (5) Not less than 150 hours of clinical experience in a hospital or community mental health setting, as defined in Section 1820 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations.
- (6) Not more than a combined total of 1,250 hours of experience in the following related activities:
  - (A) Direct supervisor contact.

- (B) Client centered advocacy.
- (C) Not more than 250 hours of experience administering tests and evaluating psychological tests of clients, writing clinical reports, writing progress notes, or writing process notes.
- (D) Not more than 250 hours of verified attendance at workshops, seminars, training sessions, or conferences directly related to professional clinical counseling that are approved by the applicant's supervisor.
- (c) No hours of clinical mental health experience may be gained more than six years prior to the date the application for examination eligibility was filed.
- (d) An applicant shall register with the board as an intern in order to be credited for postdegree hours of experience toward licensure. Postdegree hours of experience shall be credited toward licensure, provided that the applicant applies for intern registration

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within 90 days of the granting of the qualifying degree and is registered as an intern by the board.

- (e) All applicants and interns shall be at all times under the supervision of a supervisor who shall be responsible for ensuring that the extent, kind, and quality of counseling performed is consistent with the training and experience of the person being supervised, and who shall be responsible to the board for compliance with all laws, rules, and regulations governing the practice of professional clinical counseling.
- (f) Experience obtained under the supervision of a spouse or relative by blood or marriage shall not be credited toward the required hours of supervised experience. Experience obtained under the supervision of a supervisor with whom the applicant has had or currently has a personal, professional, or business relationship that undermines the authority or effectiveness of the supervision shall not be credited toward the required hours of supervised experience.
- (g) Except for experience gained pursuant to subparagraph (D) of paragraph (6) of subdivision (b), supervision shall include at least one hour of direct supervisor contact in each week for which experience is credited in each work setting.
- (1) No more than five hours of supervision, whether individual or group, shall be credited during any single week.
- (2) An intern shall receive at least one additional hour of direct supervisor contact for every week in which more than 10 hours of face-to-face psychotherapy is performed in each setting in which experience is gained.
- (3) For purposes of this section, "one hour of direct supervisor contact" means one hour of face-to-face contact on an individual basis or two hours of face-to-face contact in a group of not more than eight persons in segments lasting no less than one continuous hour.
- (4) Notwithstanding paragraph (3), an intern working in a governmental entity, a school, a college, or a university, or an institution that is both nonprofit and charitable, may obtain the required weekly direct supervisor contact via two-way, real-time videoconferencing. The supervisor shall be responsible for ensuring that client confidentiality is upheld.
  - (h) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2014.

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SEC. 28.

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SEC. 32. Section 4999.47 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

4999.47. (a) Clinical counselor trainees, interns, and applicants shall perform services only as an employee or as a volunteer.

The requirements of this chapter regarding gaining hours of clinical mental health experience and supervision are applicable equally to employees and volunteers. —Work performed as an independent contractor or reported on an IRS Form 1099 shall not satisfy the requirements of this chapter regarding gaining hours of supervised experience. Experience shall not be gained by interns or trainees for work performed as an independent contractor or reported on an IRS Form 1099.

- (1) If employed, a clinical counselor intern shall provide the board with copies of the corresponding W-2 tax forms for each year of experience claimed upon application for licensure as a professional clinical counselor.
- (2) If volunteering, a clinical counselor intern shall provide the board with a letter from his or her employer verifying the intern's employment as a volunteer upon application for licensure as a professional clinical counselor.
- (b) Clinical counselor trainees, interns, and applicants shall not receive any remuneration from patients or clients, and shall only be paid by their employers.
- (c) While an intern may be either a paid employee or a volunteer, employers are encouraged to provide fair remuneration.
- (d) Clinical counselor trainees, interns, and applicants who provide voluntary services or other services, and who receive no more than a total, from all work settings, of five hundred dollars (\$500) per month as reimbursement for expenses actually incurred by those clinical counselor trainees, interns, and applicants for services rendered in any lawful work setting other than a private practice shall be considered an employee and not an independent contractor.
- (e) The board may audit an intern or applicant who receives reimbursement for expenses and the intern or applicant shall have the burden of demonstrating that the payments received were for reimbursement of expenses actually incurred.
- (f) Clinical counselor trainees, interns, and applicants shall only perform services at the place where their employer regularly

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conducts business and services, which may include other locations, as long as the services are performed under the direction and control of the employer and supervisor in compliance with the laws and regulations pertaining to supervision. Clinical counselor trainees, interns, and applicants shall have no proprietary interest in the employer's business.

(g) Each educational institution preparing applicants for licensure pursuant to this chapter shall consider requiring, and shall encourage, its students to undergo individual, marital or conjoint, family, or group counseling or psychotherapy, as appropriate. Each supervisor shall consider, advise, and encourage his or her interns and clinical counselor trainees regarding the advisability of undertaking individual, marital or conjoint, family, or group counseling or psychotherapy, as appropriate. Insofar as it is deemed appropriate and is desired by the applicant, the educational institution and supervisors are encouraged to assist the applicant in locating that counseling or psychotherapy at a reasonable cost.

SEC. 29.

 SEC. 33. Section 4999.60 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

4999.60. (a) This section applies to persons who are licensed outside of California and apply for examination eligibility on or after January 1, 2014.

- (b) The board may issue a license to a person who, at the time of submitting an application for a license pursuant to this chapter, holds a valid license as a professional clinical counselor, or other counseling license that allows the applicant to independently provide clinical mental health services, in another jurisdiction of the United States if all of the following conditions are satisfied:
- (1) The applicant's education is substantially equivalent, as defined in Section 4999.62.
- (2) The applicant complies with subdivision (b) of Section 4999.40, if applicable.
- (3) The applicant's supervised experience is substantially equivalent to that required for a license under this chapter. If the applicant has less than 3,000 hours of qualifying supervised experience, time actively licensed as a professional clinical counselor shall be accepted at a rate of 100 hours per month up to a maximum of 1,200 hours.

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(4) The applicant passes the examinations required to obtain a license under this chapter. An applicant who obtained his or her license or registration under another jurisdiction may apply for licensure with the board without taking the clinical examination if both of the following conditions are met:

- (A) The applicant obtained a passing score on the licensing examination set forth in regulation as accepted by the board.
- (B) The applicant's license or registration in that jurisdiction is in good standing at the time of his or her application and has not been revoked, suspended, surrendered, denied, or otherwise restricted or encumbered as a result of any disciplinary proceeding brought by the licensing authority of that jurisdiction.

SEC. 30.

- SEC. 34. Section 14132 of the Welfare and Institutions Code is amended to read:
- 14132. The following is the schedule of benefits under this chapter:
  - (a) Outpatient services are covered as follows:

Physician, hospital or clinic outpatient, surgical center, respiratory care, optometric, chiropractic, psychology, podiatric, occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy, audiology, acupuncture to the extent federal matching funds are provided for acupuncture, and services of persons rendering treatment by prayer or healing by spiritual means in the practice of any church or religious denomination insofar as these can be encompassed by federal participation under an approved plan, subject to utilization controls.

- (b) (1) Inpatient hospital services, including, but not limited to, physician and podiatric services, physical therapy and occupational therapy, are covered subject to utilization controls.
- (2) For Medi-Cal fee-for-service beneficiaries, emergency services and care that are necessary for the treatment of an emergency medical condition and medical care directly related to the emergency medical condition. This paragraph shall not be construed to change the obligation of Medi-Cal managed care plans to provide emergency services and care. For the purposes of this paragraph, "emergency services and care" and "emergency medical condition" shall have the same meanings as those terms are defined in Section 1317.1 of the Health and Safety Code.

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(c) Nursing facility services, subacute care services, and services provided by any category of intermediate care facility for the developmentally disabled, including podiatry, physician, nurse practitioner services, and prescribed drugs, as described in subdivision (d), are covered subject to utilization controls. Respiratory care, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, and audiology services for patients in nursing facilities and any category of intermediate care facility for the developmentally disabled are covered subject to utilization controls.

- (d) (1) Purchase of prescribed drugs is covered subject to the Medi-Cal List of Contract Drugs and utilization controls.
- (2) Purchase of drugs used to treat erectile dysfunction or any off-label uses of those drugs are covered only to the extent that federal financial participation is available.
- (3) (A) To the extent required by federal law, the purchase of outpatient prescribed drugs, for which the prescription is executed by a prescriber in written, nonelectronic form on or after April 1, 2008, is covered only when executed on a tamper resistant prescription form. The implementation of this paragraph shall conform to the guidance issued by the federal Centers—of for Medicare and Medicaid Services but shall not conflict with state statutes on the characteristics of tamper resistant prescriptions for controlled substances, including Section 11162.1 of the Health and Safety Code. The department shall provide providers and beneficiaries with as much flexibility in implementing these rules as allowed by the federal government. The department shall notify and consult with appropriate stakeholders in implementing, interpreting, or making specific this paragraph.
- (B) Notwithstanding Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, the department may take the actions specified in subparagraph (A) by means of a provider bulletin or notice, policy letter, or other similar instructions without taking regulatory action.
- (4) (A) (i) For the purposes of this paragraph, nonlegend has the same meaning as defined in subdivision (a) of Section 14105.45.
- (ii) Nonlegend acetaminophen-containing products, with the exception of children's acetaminophen-containing products, selected by the department are not covered benefits.

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(iii) Nonlegend cough and cold products selected by the department are not covered benefits. This clause shall be implemented on the first day of the first calendar month following 90 days after the effective date of the act that added this clause, or on the first day of the first calendar month following 60 days after the date the department secures all necessary federal approvals to implement this section, whichever is later.

- (iv) Beneficiaries under the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment Program shall be exempt from clauses (ii) and (iii).
- (B) Notwithstanding Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, the department may take the actions specified in subparagraph (A) by means of a provider bulletin or notice, policy letter, or other similar instruction without taking regulatory action.
- (e) Outpatient dialysis services and home hemodialysis services, including physician services, medical supplies, drugs and equipment required for dialysis, are covered, subject to utilization controls.
- (f) Anesthesiologist services when provided as part of an outpatient medical procedure, nurse anesthetist services when rendered in an inpatient or outpatient setting under conditions set forth by the director, outpatient laboratory services, and X-ray services are covered, subject to utilization controls. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to require prior authorization for anesthesiologist services provided as part of an outpatient medical procedure or for portable X-ray services in a nursing facility or any category of intermediate care facility for the developmentally disabled.
  - (g) Blood and blood derivatives are covered.
- (h) (1) Emergency and essential diagnostic and restorative dental services, except for orthodontic, fixed bridgework, and partial dentures that are not necessary for balance of a complete artificial denture, are covered, subject to utilization controls. The utilization controls shall allow emergency and essential diagnostic and restorative dental services and prostheses that are necessary to prevent a significant disability or to replace previously furnished prostheses which are lost or destroyed due to circumstances beyond the beneficiary's control. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the director may by regulation provide for certain fixed artificial

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dentures necessary for obtaining employment or for medical conditions that preclude the use of removable dental prostheses, and for orthodontic services in cleft palate deformities administered by the department's California Children Services Program.

- (2) For persons 21 years of age or older, the services specified in paragraph (1) shall be provided subject to the following conditions:
  - (A) Periodontal treatment is not a benefit.
- (B) Endodontic therapy is not a benefit except for vital pulpotomy.
  - (C) Laboratory processed crowns are not a benefit.
- (D) Removable prosthetics shall be a benefit only for patients as a requirement for employment.
- (E) The director may, by regulation, provide for the provision of fixed artificial dentures that are necessary for medical conditions that preclude the use of removable dental prostheses.
- (F) Notwithstanding the conditions specified in subparagraphs (A) to (E), inclusive, the department may approve services for persons with special medical disorders subject to utilization review.
  - (3) Paragraph (2) shall become inoperative July 1, 1995.
- (i) Medical transportation is covered, subject to utilization controls.
- (j) Home health care services are covered, subject to utilization controls.
- (k) Prosthetic and orthotic devices and eyeglasses are covered, subject to utilization controls. Utilization controls shall allow replacement of prosthetic and orthotic devices and eyeglasses necessary because of loss or destruction due to circumstances beyond the beneficiary's control. Frame styles for eyeglasses replaced pursuant to this subdivision shall not change more than once every two years, unless the department so directs.

Orthopedic and conventional shoes are covered when provided by a prosthetic and orthotic supplier on the prescription of a physician and when at least one of the shoes will be attached to a prosthesis or brace, subject to utilization controls. Modification of stock conventional or orthopedic shoes when medically indicated, is covered subject to utilization controls. When there is a clearly established medical need that cannot be satisfied by the modification of stock conventional or orthopedic shoes, \_47\_ SB 821

custom-made orthopedic shoes are covered, subject to utilization controls.

Therapeutic shoes and inserts are covered when provided to beneficiaries with a diagnosis of diabetes, subject to utilization controls, to the extent that federal financial participation is available.

- (*l*) Hearing aids are covered, subject to utilization controls. Utilization controls shall allow replacement of hearing aids necessary because of loss or destruction due to circumstances beyond the beneficiary's control.
- (m) Durable medical equipment and medical supplies are covered, subject to utilization controls. The utilization controls shall allow the replacement of durable medical equipment and medical supplies when necessary because of loss or destruction due to circumstances beyond the beneficiary's control. The utilization controls shall allow authorization of durable medical equipment needed to assist a disabled beneficiary in caring for a child for whom the disabled beneficiary is a parent, stepparent, foster parent, or legal guardian, subject to the availability of federal financial participation. The department shall adopt emergency regulations to define and establish criteria for assistive durable medical equipment in accordance with the rulemaking provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code).
- (n) Family planning services are covered, subject to utilization controls.
- (o) Inpatient intensive rehabilitation hospital services, including respiratory rehabilitation services, in a general acute care hospital are covered, subject to utilization controls, when either of the following criteria are met:
- (1) A patient with a permanent disability or severe impairment requires an inpatient intensive rehabilitation hospital program as described in Section 14064 to develop function beyond the limited amount that would occur in the normal course of recovery.
- (2) A patient with a chronic or progressive disease requires an inpatient intensive rehabilitation hospital program as described in Section 14064 to maintain the patient's present functional level as long as possible.

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(p) (1) Adult day health care is covered in accordance with Chapter 8.7 (commencing with Section 14520).

- (2) Commencing 30 days after the effective date of the act that added this paragraph, and notwithstanding the number of days previously approved through a treatment authorization request, adult day health care is covered for a maximum of three days per week.
- (3) As provided in accordance with paragraph (4), adult day health care is covered for a maximum of five days per week.
- (4) As of the date that the director makes the declaration described in subdivision (g) of Section 14525.1, paragraph (2) shall become inoperative and paragraph (3) shall become operative.
- (q) (1) Application of fluoride, or other appropriate fluoride treatment as defined by the department, and other prophylaxis treatment for children 17 years of age and under are covered.
- (2) All dental hygiene services provided by a registered dental hygienist, registered dental hygienist in extended—function functions, and registered dental hygienist in alternative practice licensed pursuant to Sections 1753, 1917, 1918, and 1922 of the Business and Professions Code may be covered as long as they are within the scope of Denti-Cal benefits and they are necessary services provided by a registered dental hygienist, registered dental hygienist in extended functions, or registered dental hygienist in alternative practice.
- (r) (1) Paramedic services performed by a city, county, or special district, or pursuant to a contract with a city, county, or special district, and pursuant to a program established under Article 3 (commencing with Section 1480) of Chapter 2.5 of Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code by a paramedic certified pursuant to that article, and consisting of defibrillation and those services specified in subdivision (3) of Section 1482 of the article.
- (2) All providers enrolled under this subdivision shall satisfy all applicable statutory and regulatory requirements for becoming a Medi-Cal provider.
- (3) This subdivision shall be implemented only to the extent funding is available under Section 14106.6.
- (s) In-home medical care services are covered when medically appropriate and subject to utilization controls, for beneficiaries who would otherwise require care for an extended period of time in an acute care hospital at a cost higher than in-home medical

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care services. The director shall have the authority under this section to contract with organizations qualified to provide in-home medical care services to those persons. These services may be provided to patients placed in shared or congregate living arrangements, if a home setting is not medically appropriate or available to the beneficiary. As used in this section, "in-home medical care service" includes utility bills directly attributable to continuous, 24-hour operation of life-sustaining medical equipment, to the extent that federal financial participation is available.

As used in this subdivision, in-home medical care services, include, but are not limited to:

- (1) Level of care and cost of care evaluations.
- (2) Expenses, directly attributable to home care activities, for materials.
  - (3) Physician fees for home visits.

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- (4) Expenses directly attributable to home care activities for shelter and modification to shelter.
- (5) Expenses directly attributable to additional costs of special diets, including tube feeding.
  - (6) Medically related personal services.
  - (7) Home nursing education.
- (8) Emergency maintenance repair.
- (9) Home health agency personnel benefits which permit coverage of care during periods when regular personnel are on vacation or using sick leave.
- (10) All services needed to maintain antiseptic conditions at stoma or shunt sites on the body.
  - (11) Emergency and nonemergency medical transportation.
- (12) Medical supplies.
- (13) Medical equipment, including, but not limited to, scales, gurneys, and equipment racks suitable for paralyzed patients.
- (14) Utility use directly attributable to the requirements of home care activities which are in addition to normal utility use.
  - (15) Special drugs and medications.
- (16) Home health agency supervision of visiting staff which is medically necessary, but not included in the home health agency rate.
- 38 (17) Therapy services.
- 39 (18) Household appliances and household utensil costs directly 40 attributable to home care activities.

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(19) Modification of medical equipment for home use.

- (20) Training and orientation for use of life-support systems, including, but not limited to, support of respiratory functions.
- (21) Respiratory care practitioner services as defined in Sections 3702 and 3703 of the Business and Professions Code, subject to prescription by a physician and surgeon.

Beneficiaries receiving in-home medical care services are entitled to the full range of services within the Medi-Cal scope of benefits as defined by this section, subject to medical necessity and applicable utilization control. Services provided pursuant to this subdivision, which are not otherwise included in the Medi-Cal schedule of benefits, shall be available only to the extent that federal financial participation for these services is available in accordance with a home- and community-based services waiver.

- (t) Home- and community-based services approved by the United States Department of Health and Human Services may be covered to the extent that federal financial participation is available for those services under waivers granted in accordance with Section 1396n of Title 42 of the United States Code. The director may seek waivers for any or all home- and community-based services approvable under Section 1396n of Title 42 of the United States Code. Coverage for those services shall be limited by the terms, conditions, and duration of the federal waivers.
- (u) Comprehensive perinatal services, as provided through an agreement with a health care provider designated in Section 14134.5 and meeting the standards developed by the department pursuant to Section 14134.5, subject to utilization controls.

The department shall seek any federal waivers necessary to implement the provisions of this subdivision. The provisions for which appropriate federal waivers cannot be obtained shall not be implemented. Provisions for which waivers are obtained or for which waivers are not required shall be implemented notwithstanding any inability to obtain federal waivers for the other provisions. No provision of this subdivision shall be implemented unless matching funds from Subchapter XIX (commencing with Section 1396) of Chapter 7 of Title 42 of the United States Code are available.

(v) Early and periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment for any individual under 21 years of age is covered, consistent with \_51\_ SB 821

the requirements of Subchapter XIX (commencing with Section 1396) of Chapter 7 of Title 42 of the United States Code.

- (w) Hospice service which is Medicare-certified hospice service is covered, subject to utilization controls. Coverage shall be available only to the extent that no additional net program costs are incurred.
- (x) When a claim for treatment provided to a beneficiary includes both services which are authorized and reimbursable under this chapter, and services which are not reimbursable under this chapter, that portion of the claim for the treatment and services authorized and reimbursable under this chapter shall be payable.
- (y) Home- and community-based services approved by the United States Department of Health and Human Services for beneficiaries with a diagnosis of AIDS or ARC, who require intermediate care or a higher level of care.

Services provided pursuant to a waiver obtained from the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to this subdivision, and which are not otherwise included in the Medi-Cal schedule of benefits, shall be available only to the extent that federal financial participation for these services is available in accordance with the waiver, and subject to the terms, conditions, and duration of the waiver. These services shall be provided to individual beneficiaries in accordance with the client's needs as identified in the plan of care, and subject to medical necessity and applicable utilization control.

The director may under this section contract with organizations qualified to provide, directly or by subcontract, services provided for in this subdivision to eligible beneficiaries. Contracts or agreements entered into pursuant to this division shall not be subject to the Public Contract Code.

- (z) Respiratory care when provided in organized health care systems as defined in Section 3701 of the Business and Professions Code, and as an in-home medical service as outlined in subdivision (s).
- (aa) (1) There is hereby established in the department, a program to provide comprehensive clinical family planning services to any person who has a family income at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level, as revised annually, and who is eligible to receive these services pursuant to the waiver identified

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in paragraph (2). This program shall be known as the Family 2 Planning, Access, Care, and Treatment (Family PACT) Program. 3 (2) The department shall seek a waiver in accordance with 4 Section 1315 of Title 42 of the United States Code, or a state plan 5 amendment adopted in accordance with Section 6 1396a(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XXI)(ii)(2) of Title 42 of the United States 7 Code, which was added to Section 1396a of Title 42 of the United 8 States Code by Section 2303(a)(2) of the federal Patient Protection 9 and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) (Public Law 111-148), for a program to provide comprehensive clinical family planning 10 services as described in paragraph (8). Under the waiver, the 11 12 program shall be operated only in accordance with the waiver and 13 the statutes and regulations in paragraph (4) and subject to the 14 terms, conditions, and duration of the waiver. Under the state plan 15 amendment, which shall replace the waiver and shall be known as the Family PACT successor state plan amendment, the program 16 17 shall be operated only in accordance with this subdivision and the 18 statutes and regulations in paragraph (4). The state shall use the 19 standards and processes imposed by the state on January 1, 2007, 20 including the application of an eligibility discount factor to the 21 extent required by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid 22 Services, for purposes of determining eligibility as permitted under 23 Section 1396a(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XXI)(ii)(2) of Title 42 of the United States Code. To the extent that federal financial participation is 24 25 available, the program shall continue to conduct education, 26 outreach, enrollment, service delivery, and evaluation services as 27 specified under the waiver. The services shall be provided under 28 the program only if the waiver and, when applicable, the successor 29 state plan amendment are approved by the federal Centers for 30 Medicare and Medicaid Services and only to the extent that federal 31 financial participation is available for the services. Nothing in this 32 section shall prohibit the department from seeking the Family 33 PACT successor state plan amendment during the operation of the 34 waiver.

(3) Solely for the purposes of the waiver or Family PACT successor state plan amendment and notwithstanding any other provision of law, the collection and use of an individual's social security number shall be necessary only to the extent required by federal law.

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(4) Sections 14105.3 to 14105.39, inclusive, 14107.11, 24005, and 24013, and any regulations adopted under these statutes shall apply to the program provided for under this subdivision. No other provision of law under the Medi-Cal program or the State-Only Family Planning Program shall apply to the program provided for under this subdivision.

- (5) Notwithstanding Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, the department may implement, without taking regulatory action, the provisions of the waiver after its approval by the federal Health Care Financing Administration and the provisions of this section by means of an all-county letter or similar instruction to providers. Thereafter, the department shall adopt regulations to implement this section and the approved waiver in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code. Beginning six months after the effective date of the act adding this subdivision, the department shall provide a status report to the Legislature on a semiannual basis until regulations have been adopted.
- (6) In the event that the Department of Finance determines that the program operated under the authority of the waiver described in paragraph (2) or the Family PACT successor state plan amendment is no longer cost effective, this subdivision shall become inoperative on the first day of the first month following the issuance of a 30-day notification of that determination in writing by the Department of Finance to the chairperson in each house that considers appropriations, the chairpersons of the committees, and the appropriate subcommittees in each house that considers the State Budget, and the Chairperson of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee.
- (7) If this subdivision ceases to be operative, all persons who have received or are eligible to receive comprehensive clinical family planning services pursuant to the waiver described in paragraph (2) shall receive family planning services under the Medi-Cal program pursuant to subdivision (n) if they are otherwise eligible for Medi-Cal with no share of cost, or shall receive comprehensive clinical family planning services under the program established in Division 24 (commencing with Section 24000) either

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if they are eligible for Medi-Cal with a share of cost or if they are otherwise eligible under Section 24003.

- (8) For purposes of this subdivision, "comprehensive clinical family planning services" means the process of establishing objectives for the number and spacing of children, and selecting the means by which those objectives may be achieved. These means include a broad range of acceptable and effective methods and services to limit or enhance fertility, including contraceptive methods, federal Food and Drug Administration approved contraceptive drugs, devices, and supplies, natural family planning, abstinence methods, and basic, limited fertility management. Comprehensive clinical family planning services include, but are not limited to, preconception counseling, maternal and fetal health counseling, general reproductive health care, including diagnosis and treatment of infections and conditions, including cancer, that threaten reproductive capability, medical family planning treatment and procedures, including supplies and followup, informational, counseling, and educational Comprehensive clinical family planning services shall not include abortion, pregnancy testing solely for the purposes of referral for abortion or services ancillary to abortions, or pregnancy care that is not incident to the diagnosis of pregnancy. Comprehensive clinical family planning services shall be subject to utilization control and include all of the following:
  - (A) Family planning related services and male and female sterilization. Family planning services for men and women shall include emergency services and services for complications directly related to the contraceptive method, federal Food and Drug Administration approved contraceptive drugs, devices, and supplies, and followup, consultation, and referral services, as indicated, which may require treatment authorization requests.
  - (B) All United States Department of Agriculture, federal Food and Drug Administration approved contraceptive drugs, devices, and supplies that are in keeping with current standards of practice and from which the individual may choose.
  - (C) Culturally and linguistically appropriate health education and counseling services, including informed consent, that include all of the following:
    - (i) Psychosocial and medical aspects of contraception.
    - (ii) Sexuality.

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- 1 (iii) Fertility.
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- 3 (v) Parenthood.
- 4 (vi) Infertility.

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- 5 (vii) Reproductive health care.
  - (viii) Preconception and nutrition counseling.
  - (ix) Prevention and treatment of sexually transmitted infection.
- 8 (x) Use of contraceptive methods, federal Food and Drug 9 Administration approved contraceptive drugs, devices, and 10 supplies.
  - (xi) Possible contraceptive consequences and followup.
  - (xii) Interpersonal communication and negotiation of relationships to assist individuals and couples in effective contraceptive method use and planning families.
  - (D) A comprehensive health history, updated at the next periodic visit (between 11 and 24 months after initial examination) that includes a complete obstetrical history, gynecological history, contraceptive history, personal medical history, health risk factors, and family health history, including genetic or hereditary conditions.
  - (E) A complete physical examination on initial and subsequent periodic visits.
  - (F) Services, drugs, devices, and supplies deemed by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to be appropriate for inclusion in the program.
  - (9) In order to maximize the availability of federal financial participation under this subdivision, the director shall have the discretion to implement the Family PACT successor state plan amendment retroactively to July 1, 2010.
  - (ab) (1) Purchase of prescribed enteral nutrition products is covered, subject to the Medi-Cal list of enteral nutrition products and utilization controls.
  - (2) Purchase of enteral nutrition products is limited to those products to be administered through a feeding tube, including, but not limited to, a gastric, nasogastric, or jejunostomy tube. Beneficiaries under the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment Program shall be exempt from this paragraph.
- 38 (3) Notwithstanding paragraph (2), the department may deem 39 an enteral nutrition product, not administered through a feeding 40 tube, including, but not limited to, a gastric, nasogastric, or

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jejunostomy tube, a benefit for patients with diagnoses, including,
but not limited to, malabsorption and inborn errors of metabolism,
if the product has been shown to be neither investigational nor
experimental when used as part of a therapeutic regimen to prevent
serious disability or death.

- (4) Notwithstanding Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, the department may implement the amendments to this subdivision made by the act that added this paragraph by means of all-county letters, provider bulletins, or similar instructions, without taking regulatory action.
- (5) The amendments made to this subdivision by the act that added this paragraph shall be implemented June 1, 2011, or on the first day of the first calendar month following 60 days after the date the department secures all necessary federal approvals to implement this section, whichever is later.
- (ac) Diabetic testing supplies are covered when provided by a pharmacy, subject to utilization controls.